

## Needle Disposal & Safety Information

If you find a needle...

*Follow the steps below for safe pick up and disposal:*

- Do not recap the needle
- Wear garden, work or medical gloves
- Use tweezers, pliers, or tongs to pick up by the end that is not the sharp end. Keep away from your body.
- Place the needle sharp end first into a hard container that needles cannot poke through (e.g. liquid laundry detergent or bleach container)
- Fill a container no more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. If the container is too full, the needles may poke through the side.
- Put the container lid on tightly and tape it
- Wash your hands with soap and water
- Store the container in a safe place away from children until you can dispose of it safely
- Do not place needles in city garbage or recycling
- Place in a needle drop box in your community

### Needle Drop Box Locations

- Fairhaven Fire Department  
146 Washington Street  
Fairhaven, MA 02719  
(508) 994-1428
- Greater New Bedford Community Health Center  
874 Purchase Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740  
(508) 992-6553
- Home of Hope for Women Outreach Center  
1173 Acushnet Avenue  
New Bedford, MA 02746  
(508) 996-0546
- Seven Hills Behavioral Health  
589 South First Street  
New Bedford, MA 02744  
(508) 999-3126

